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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER			ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 47440-037000
APPLN. NO. 09/725,656	FILING DATE November 29, 2000	EXAMINER J. Cozart	GROUP ART UNIT 3726
INVENTOR(S) Barich, et al.			
TITLE OF INVENTION Railcar Maintenance Process			

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application to the Final Office Action of October 29, 2002.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish a small entry status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ A request for a one-month extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	28	MINUS	24	4
INDEP.	9	MINUS	5	4
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x \$9 =	\$
x \$42 =	\$
x \$135 =	\$
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	\$168

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x \$18 =	\$72
x \$84 =	\$336
x \$270 =	\$
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	\$408

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- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 13-0206. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 518

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/725,656
Filing Date	November 29, 2000
First Named Inventor	David J. Barich
Examiner Name	J. Cozart
Art Unit	3726
Attorney Docket No.	47440-037000

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$) 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims: 28
Independent Claims: 9
Multiple Dependent: 5
24 Extra Claims
Fee from below: 18
Fee Paid: 72
336
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<u>Large Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Fee Description</u>
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)				(\$) 408

*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	110
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 235	Design issue fee	
1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 750	2809 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 750	2810 375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 750	2801 375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)			
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In re Barich, et al., U.S. Patent Application)
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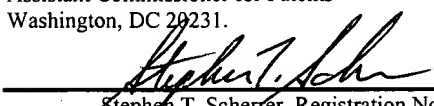
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for repairing railcars, the method comprising the steps of:
- providing a railcar maintenance facility wherein the maintenance facility comprises a plurality of maintenance stations and a transfer area;
 - providing a railcar requiring maintenance service;
 - providing a communication means associated with a first maintenance station for communicating whether the first maintenance station is available to receive the railcar;

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